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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural names are listed) of the new and distinct variety of: Hibiscus Plant 'Balhiblu', which is claimed and for which a plant patent is sought, the specification of which:

is attached hereto; or
 was filed on July 25, 2003
 as United States Application Serial No. 10/627,422
 and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I have asexually reproduced the plant to which this application applies.

Said plant was found in a cultivated area (*check this box for newly found plant only*).

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